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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ALLEGED WHALING
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1. STAFFER OF CONGRESSMAN ALFONSO BELL (R. CALIF.) CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF PROJECT UNDERSTANDING IN ALLEGEDLY LOBBYING AGAINST US WHALING LEGISLATION. THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES AS A LOBBYIST, AND IS BELIEVED BY THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE TO BE FINANCED BY THE ALL JAPAN SEAMAN'S UNION AND THE JAPAN WHALING ASSOCIATION. THE ACTIVITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S COORDINATOR, J. MARK LAVELLE, WHO IS NOT REGISTERED AS A FOREIGN AGENT, IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE. LAVELLE IS REPORTEDLY A UNION ORGANIZER IN JAPAN, WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE LABOR DISPUTE WITH SONY LANGUAGE LAB AND WHO HAS TIES WITH INTERNATIONAL LABOR AND THE UAW.

2. CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION THE
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EMBASSY HAS, OR MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP, CONCERNING PRO-

JECT UNDERSTANDING SUCH AS WHO BACKS IT AND WHO FUNDS IT.
THE LAST ADDRESS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION WAS 403 TAKANOHOA
MANSON, 31-12 NISHIGAOKA, KOHOKU-KU, YOKOHAMA. WOULD

APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN DEVELOP. KISSINGER

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